

OPINION 2170 (Case 3300)***Halipegus occidualis* Stafford, 1905 and *Cercaria projecta* Willey, 1930 (Digenea, HEMIURIDAE): priority maintained**

Abstract. The Commission has ruled that priority is maintained for two species of hemiurid digeneans, *Halipegus occidualis* Stafford, 1905 and *Cercaria projecta* Willey, 1930, known to parasitise ranid frogs and various freshwater pulmonate snails. A proposal to conserve the junior homonym *Halipegus occidualis* Krull, 1935 of the former name and the junior synonym *Halipegus eccentricus* Thomas, 1939 of the latter name was not approved.

Keywords. Nomenclature; taxonomy; Digenea; HEMIURIDAE; *Halipegus occidualis*; *Cercaria projecta*; *Halipegus eccentricus*; Amphibia; RANIDAE; parasitic worms; North America.

Ruling

- (1) It is hereby ruled that priority is maintained for the names *occidualis* Stafford, 1905, as published in the binomen *Halipegus occidualis*, and *projecta* Willey, 1930, as published in the binomen *Cercaria projecta*.
- (2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *occidualis* Stafford, 1905, as published in the binomen *Halipegus occidualis*;
 - (b) *projecta* Willey, 1930, as published in the binomen *Cercaria projecta*.

History of Case 3300

An application to conserve the specific names of *Halipegus occidualis* Krull, 1935 and *Halipegus eccentricus* Thomas, 1939 for two species of hemiurid digeneans known to parasitise ranid frogs and various freshwater pulmonate snails was received from D.F. McAlpine (*New Brunswick Museum, Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada*) on 27 August 2003. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 63: 12–16 (March 2006). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments on this case were received.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 2006 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 63: 14–15. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 2007 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 7: Bock, Fautin, Krell, Macpherson, Papp, Song and Zhang.

Negative votes – 20: Alonso-Zarazaga, Bogutskaya, Bouchet, Brothers, Grygier, Halliday, Kerzhner, Kottelat, Kullander, Lamas, Lim, Mahnert, Mawatari, Ng, Pape, Patterson, Pyle, Rosenberg, Štys and van Tol.

Minelli abstained.

Commissioners voting against pointed out that usage of the names involved was so limited that to maintain priority would not create significant problems.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

occidualis, *Halipegus*, Stafford, 1905, *Zoologischer Anzeiger*, **28**: 687.
projecta, *Cercaria*, Willey, 1930, *Parasitology*, **22**: 481.